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METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR EXERCISING

A PERSON'S QUADRICEPS MUSCLES

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 - 26 pages of specification
 - 10 claims (2 independent)
 - <u>1</u> page of abstract
 - 15 sheets of formal drawings
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